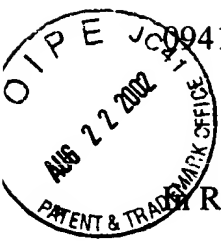


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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 27, 2002, please amend the
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows.

1. (Amended) An information storage device which stores
information in recording areas generated by dividing a track, wherein track following
information is configured such that a head follows the track according to the track
following information, said information storage device comprising:

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